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**INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**  
**SEVERE WEATHER UPDATE**  
**January 28, 2009, 3:30 p.m.**

**State EOC Activation Level**

Level III – Active Emergency Conditions – A situation has occurred requiring limited activation of the emergency operations center.

**Description of Incident**

A severe winter storm system moved through the state dumping heavy snow and freezing rain across most of Indiana. Up to 13 inches of snow and 1 inch of ice reported across central and southern Indiana causing power outages and transportation issues. School systems and county government offices across most of the southern 2/3 of the state were closed. Numerous traffic accidents and hundreds of road closures were reported. Roads in many areas were impassable.

**Health, Safety and Security**

**Confirmed  
Fatalities:**

Two fatalities have been confirmed. A Marengo woman (Crawford County) was killed in a weather-related traffic accident and a resident of Jackson County died while shoveling snow.

**Current Situation**

High 911 call volume in Vanderburgh, Warrick, Marion, Posey and Clark Counties. 43 counties have declared travel emergencies, sections of I-70, I-65, I-69 and I-74 are closed. Widespread power outages reported across areas of southwestern Indiana, Vanderburgh, Jefferson and Floyd, Warrick, Spencer.

154,349 customers are reported to be without power, most is southern and southwestern Indiana.

Sheltering population is 84, with a total of 13 shelters open and a capacity of 1485. Requests have been made for transportation resources to assist in the movement of residents to shelters.

**County Emergency Declarations**

Level 1 – A state of emergency has been declared by the county commissioners. Travel restricted to emergency personnel only.

Brown, Crawford, Dubois, Fountain, Morgan, Posey, Scott, and Washington

Level 2 – Conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (to and from work, emergency situations, etc.).

Clay, Floyd, Grant, Huntington, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Madison, Rush, Shelby, Union and Vanderburgh

Level 3 – Routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, citizens

should use caution or avoid these areas.

Adams, Benton, Blackford, Delaware, Hamilton and Steuben.

Please visit [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs) for current county emergency situations.

## **Shelter Operations**

Posey County - First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon: 7

Clark County - Red Cross facility: 0

Gibson County - Red Cross, Princeton: 0

Vanderburgh County - Red Cross Chapter, Evansville: 0

Warrick County - Booneville: 0

Spencer County - Ohio Valley Fire Department: 0

Floyd County - Salvation Army, New Albany: Unknown

Floyd County - Indiana Creek Baptist Church, Georgetown: Unknown

Scott County - Scottsburg High School: 0

Crawford County - Marengo, Hillview Christian Church: 9

Washington County - Hospital: Unknown

Marion County - Indianapolis Grey Hound Terminal – 75

Total Reported Shelter Population: 84

Total Capacity Available: 2,181

## **Critical Infrastructure and Facilities**

### **Power Outages**

Duke Energy – 60,449 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Clarksville – 38,750

Cordon/Salem – 17,039

Madison – 4,660

Vectren – 69,400 – Expected Restoration: 02/02/2009

Vanderburgh – 46,000

Warrick – 12,000

Gibson – 1,200

Spencer – 4,600

Posey – 5,600

Clark County REMC - 4,000 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Harrison County REMC - 12,000

Dubois REMC - 2,500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Orange County REMC – 500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Jackson County REMC - 3,500 – Expected Restoration: 01/30/2009

Southeastern Indiana REMC - 2,000 – Expected Restoration: 01/31/2009

## **Transportation**

Please visit [www.in.gov/dhs](http://www.in.gov/dhs) for current road conditions.

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